

**REMARKS**

Claims 5, 11, and 17 are canceled without prejudiced to the subsequent filing of a continuation application. Independent claims 1, 8, and 15 are amended to include the objected to subject matter set forth in canceled dependent claims 5, 11, and 17, respectively, and are each of them and their respective dependent claims believed to be in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited. Claims 6, 12, and 18 are amended for proper dependency.

Dependent claims 2-4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12-14, 16, and 18-20 add additional novel features and are, a-fortiori, patentable. The cited and non-applied subsidiary references have been noted and reviewed, but are submitted to be less relevant than the relied-upon references.

Applicant respectfully traverses the examiner's rejections. The amendments to the claims render the examiner's rejections moot. Moreover, the amendments to the claims placing them in condition for allowance without response to examiner's substantive rejections is not to be deemed to be an admission that examiner has construed the

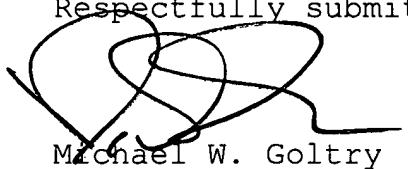
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art properly and applied to art properly to the claims, and  
that the examiner's rejections are proper.

Examiner's thorough and thoughtful consideration of  
this application is sincerely appreciated.

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